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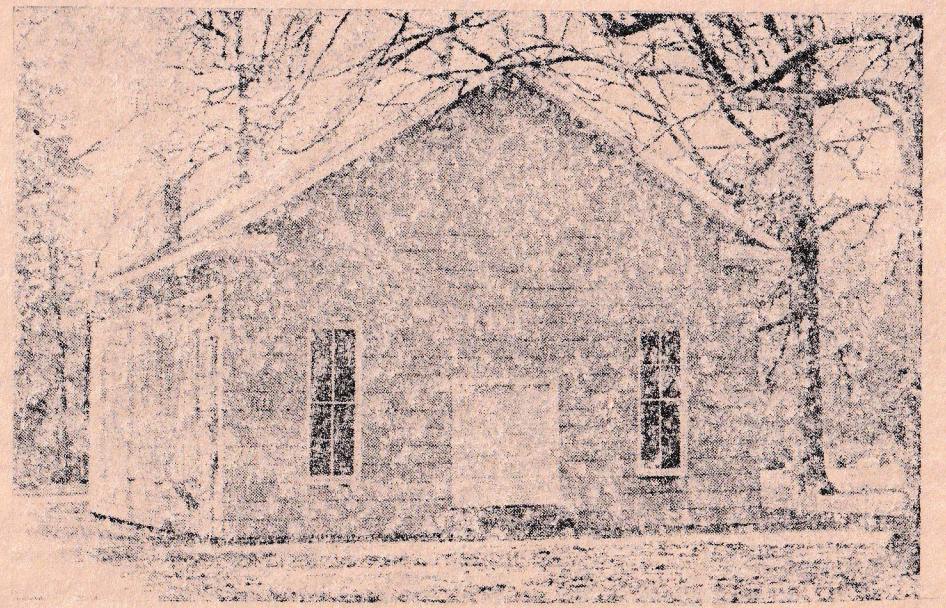

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CHURCH REGISTER

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INTRODUCTION

THE Discipline of our Church provides that every Society shall have a permanent Register, in which the Secretary of the Church conference "shall enter in chronological order the full names of all who shall join the Church, with the time and manner of the reception of each; and also shall make a permanent record of all baptisms and marriages within the congregation." These Registers are intended to be permanent, and to contain not only the list of living members, but of all who have joined the Church, with the date of their admission and of their disposal or death. A Register, therefore, should be large enough to last a generation, and should never be revised or rewritten until the book is exhausted. In this respect many of our Registers have not been properly kept. The custom in most places has been to rewrite the list of living members every year or two, and omit entirely the names of all who have died, removed, or in any manner ceased to be members; the old Registers have been thrown away, and as a consequence there is no proof by record of the fact, or date of the admission of thousands of our members.

The Register here presented may not contain every feature which some excellent pastors would prefer, but in practical use will be found to embrace every thing absolutely necessary. In this simple form it has the advantage of being easily understood; and it can be furnished about as cheap as a common bank-book of the same size and binding. The first form in the book is a Register of Pastors, and needs no explanation. The second form is a Register of Members, so ruled as to allow space opposite each name for recording the date of admission, the manner of admission, as by certificate or profession, the name of the pastor by whom the member was received, and the date of the death or disposal of the member. This form should be numbered on the left-hand margin, beginning with one and continuing consecutively, so that the last number will show the number of persons who have ever been connected with the charge. The next form is a Death or Disposal Register, which will be easily understood. It should also be numbered from one consecutively, so that the last number, subtracted from the last number of the Register of Members, will always show the number of living members in the Charge, or Society. The blanks for registering Baptisms and Marriages are intended to be used only when our ministers officiate, or the parties are members of our Church or congregation. In case of the baptism of children, the names of parents or sponsors should be inserted. In case of the marriage of a female member, causing a change of name, the marriage and the date should be noted in the column of disposals, and the new name should be re-entered like a new member, and the column "When Received" should be filled out by reference to the number of the name when first entered. The new number should also be noted in the disposal column opposite the first entry of the name.

This form of Church Register has been in use nearly four years, and has been highly approved by all who have used it. It is made in two sizes for the convenience of large or small Societies. The copyright belongs to the Publishing House, and it is sent out with the earnest desire that it may prove convenient and useful to the Church in giving a correct historical account of each Society, and of the admission and disposal of every member.

D. M. SMITH

Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn., July 1, 1882.

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It was possible to obtain the only record available for Antioch Church, M. E. South, located 5 miles south of Hamburg, Arkansas, in Ashley County.

It is probably the oldest rural church in Ashley County. The first building went up in 1840. As indicated, this record was copied from an older record that has long since been misplaced or destroyed.

The writing and spelling left much to be desired, but there has been no attempt to correct or revise the membership rolls which do not always agree with previous listings.

We feel that the only available records should be preserved.

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Appreciation is expressed to the following:

Boyce Miller, Tallulah, Louisiana, in whose possession the old record has been kept and his interest in preserving it. It has now been returned to him for safekeeping.

To Emma Lou Miller, and to Jewell and Opal Miller, for their interest and concern in preserving and seeing that the record will be preserved.

To Janice Clark, Correspondent, for the excellent write-up which was featured in Monroe Morning World, Monroe, La., May 19, 1963, as a Sunday Feature. (Copy of which is attached.)

NAME	DATE OF APPOINTMENT		TERM OF SERVICE
W.C. Dunn		1877	Two years
W.M. Crowsen		1879	One year
W.P. Laney		1880	One year
Bascom Monk		1881	Two years
Thos. N. Hearne		1883	One year
De Arcy Vaughn		1884	One year
L.W. House		1886	Two years
J.W.F. Scott		1887	One year
Thos. G. Galloway	Dec.	1888	One year
B.F. Scott		1889	One year
E.G. Cameron		1890	" "
E.F. Wilson		1891	One year
R.J. Raiford			4 "
J.B. Thomas	Dec.	1895	1 & 1/2 years
B.F. Marlin		1896	6 months
R.S. Roland	Dec.	1896	One year
L.M. Powell	Dec.	1897	Tethree years
Raney	Dec.	1900	Two years
C.L. Williams		1902	Two years
Rodgers	Dec.	1904	
W.C. Tombs		1906	
W.A. Greer	June 1 -	1908	
Reverly		1909 & 10	
C.A. Fuller	Nov.	1910	One year
J.J. Menefee	Nov.	1911	One year
J.C. McElhenney	Dec. 1 -	1912	One year
J.H. Ross	Nov.	1913	One year
T.M. Applewhite	"	1914	One year
L.M. Harp	"	1915	Three years
W.A. Ogden	Nov.	1919	One year
A.B. Holland	Jan.	1921	" "

List of names coppied from old Book, Commencing as far back as 1859

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

No	NAME	When Received	How Received	By Whom Received	Date of Death or Disposal
1	Mrs. Bennett				
2	Wm. Morris & Child				
3	John Morris & Child				
4	Noah Morris				
5	E.B. Boytt				
6	Mrs. Mary Goodwin				Died Feb. 26th, 1870
7	Mrs. Martha Chandler				
8	Martha Avery				Died Feb. 21st, 1870
9	Dollie Avery				Died March 4, 1870
10	Wm. T. Avery				" March 8, 1870
11	Sarah Avery				" May 2, 1870
12	Matt Honeycutt				
13	Alak Honeycut				
14	N.G. Honeycutt				Died May 11, 1870
15	Joseph Slater				Droped
16	Mrs. Alaxander				
17	James Alaxander				
18	Payne				Withdrawn
19	White				
20	Rosana Miller				Died April 19, 1870
21	Mrs. Sauren				
22	John Morris				
23	Mrs. Morris				
24	Dick Morris				
25	Mrs. Morris				
26	Mr. Cameron				
27	Joseph Alexander				
28	W.A. Ramsey				
29	Ed Weaver				

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30	Viola Honeycutt				
31	Sallie Honeycutt				
32	Francis Bennett				Joined Baptist
33	" Bennett				
34	S.M. Griffin				
35	Martha "				
36	Benj. F."				
37	Mary L."				Married Chandler
38	Susan B."				
39	M.E. Honeycutt				Died March 22, 1918
40	Sarah Miller				Died
41	Jas. M. Honeycutt L.P.				Died Nov. 1869
42	Jas. M. Neel				Died
43	Benj. M.F. Neel				
44	J. Brunett				
45	Wm. H. Neel				Died
46	John M. Jarvis				
47	Nancy Neel				
48	Jas. W. Miller				
49	John W. McGowen				
50	Morgan W. McGowen				
51	Charity Jarvis				
52	J.D. Barnett				
53	Mary Chandler				Died Sept 18, 1869
54	Mary L. Chandler				
55	H.A. Ogletree				
56	A. Honeycutt				
57	F.M. Miller				
58	Francis Honeycutt				
59					

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60	Martha Tharman				
61	N.J. Stover				
62	Belle Rhodes				
63	Elizabeth Honeycutt				
64	L. Stavenger				
65	Elija Avery				
66	Fannie Griffin				
67	L. Jane Chandler				
68	Martha Slater				Removed
69	G.B. Griffin				
70	A. Honeycutt				
71	J.S. Chandler				
72	L des Spear				
73	W.M. Honeycutt				Droped
74	James Yancy				
75	Rufus Slater				
76	Resen B. Sawyer				
77	Rufus B. Morris				Rem. Letter 1869
78	R.C. Morris				" 1876
79	Wm. E. Reid				
80	H.B. Honeycutt				
81	E. Tucker				
82	Wesley Honeycutt				
83	John Hill				
84	J.C. Dallis Magnes				
85	Peter Chandler				
86	James Miller				
87	J. Sawyer				
88	Tim Lars				

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89	Wm. Miller				
90	Thomas Ramsey				
91	F.M. Bennett	June 5, 1864			
92	Robert Rusal				
93	Mark Stanford				
94	W.P. Sawyer				
95	Aaron Miller				
96	Ed Miller				
97	Lenora Haynes				Removed
98	Jane McGowan				Transfer
99	Nancy C. Miller				
100	Ann E. Ramsey				Droped 1864
101	Randolph Carpenter				
102	Littie Laws				Removed 1869
103	Henrietta Johnson				
104	Eliza Jane Miller				Joined Bap.
105	Tabitha Butler				
106	M.A. Laws				
107	Sallie Honeycutt				
108	Margarett Avery				
109	Ann Paggett				
110	Josephine Young				
111	Margaret E. Morris				
112	Hanah A. Spear				
113	Francis M. Neel				
114	Henriatta Miller				
115	Susan Hill				
116	Ellen Spear				
117	Francis Honeycutt				Married Bennett
118					

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119	Martha Ann Cooper				
120	Rebecka Lindsey				
121	Sarah Repel				Removed 1867
122	Jane Morris				
123	Margaret E. Hill				
124	Laura McGowen				Transferred
125	Sarah Miller				Removed
126	E. Butler				Droped
128	Mary Mixon				Removed
129	Francis Morris				Married Lindsey 1868
130	Dorthola Reid				Droped
131	Dorthola Sawyer				"
132	Rachel McCone				Droped
133	Wm. Chandler C.L.				Rem.
134	J. Ellis				
135	L.W. Miller				
136	P. Campbell				
137	F. Washington Miller				
138	R.A. Miller				
139	M.L. Ener				
140	Lettie Hill				
141	F. Neon				
142	Francis H. Garham				Rem.
143	R.M. Culverson				
144	Sarah L.F. Chandler				
145	Mary Ann Reid				
146	Martha E. Fifes				
147	Leonard M. Chandler				Died
148	G.F. Cameron	July 16, 1866		E.J. Gaddie	Withdrew
149	B.W. Carlile				Droped 1867

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150	T.O.P. Terry St.				
151	J.J. Avery				Withdrew 1869
152	Peter Carlisle				
153	H.B. McDonald				Droped in 1876
154	Wm. M. Talley				Transferred
155	Wm. Honeycutt				Died Oct. 26, 1869
156	Jas. B. Alexander				Expelled for D. 1869
157	Martha Carlile				
158	Elija Cameron				Removed 1869
159	Jane S. Terry				
160	Nancy F. Honeycutt				Joined Bap. 1872
161	Margaret Neel				
162	Lenora Terry				
163	Sarah McDaniel				Married Smith Bap.
164	Ruhana S. Honeycutt			Married Blankinship	Dec. 20, 1869
165	Serena Honeycutt				Mar J. Perdue 1876
166	Missouri Miller				Droped
167	Rosana Miller				Died 1869
168	S.J.F. Chandler				Rem "
169	Renna Alaxander				"
170	Elizabeth Alaxander				Married Gaspin
171	J.J. Honeycutt, L.P.				Rem 1869
172	Jas. A. Ogletree				Rem Lette 1869
173	Robt. Russell				Rem "
174	Josiphine Morris				Died July 18, 1872
175	Mrs. McDaniel				Rem 1869
176	John D. Aikin				"
177	Thomas Honeycutt				Withdrew
178	John Honeycutt				"
179	Andrew J. Morris				Died Jan. 1883

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180	J. Shelton				
181	John Childress				
182	J.Y. Mock				
183	John Blankinship				Bap
184	John P. Daniel				
185	Wm. J. Daniel				
186	S.J. Fletcher Chandler				
187	Emma Alexander				
188	Mary White				Died May 1870
189	Susan Neel				Dismissed
190	Nancy Slater				
191	Wm. G. Clark	1872			Removed
192	P.M. Bennett				
193	Fannie W. Miller				
194	Acchy White	1869			Mar Waldrop
195	Sarah M. Douglass	1873			
196	Fannie Gray	"			
197	S.A.A. Terry	"			
198	F.P. Douglass				
199	L.D. Douglass				Droped
200	Martha W. Powell				"
201	Ann Honeycutt	1874			Rem
202	Liladale Honeycutt				"
203	Francis M. Miller				Married Franklin
204	C.J. Hill				
205	M.A. Neel	1877		W.C. Dunn	
206	Amanda Morris				
207	M.E. Neel				
208	Jennie Honeycutt				
209	James Sherrer				Droped
					"

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210	M Anna Neel				
211	Mollie Neel				Married D. Glass
212	M. Isadora Russel	1877		W.C. Dunn	
213	Philo Honeycutt				Removed
214	Purity Honeycutt				"
215					
216					
217					
218					
219					
220					
215	John H. Carlock	1887	by Transfer	J.W.F. Scott	
216	Thos. W. Myers	"	by certificate	"	
217	Francis L. Carlock	"	Trans.	"	
218	Ella Honeycutt				Married Robt. Neel Oct. 1888
219	Susan E. Hill				
220	Emma J.P. Montgomery				
221	M Idonia Blankinship				Expelled
222	Theodocia E. Jones				
223	M. Wallace Montgomery	Aug. 2, 1888			
224	Sarah M. Douglass				dide Oct. 1889
225	Mollie Glass				
226	Mary E. Honeycutt				
Numbered before	Mary A. Honeycutt				
	Wash F. Miller				dide June 12, 1889
	Nancy Miller				
	Nancy Neel				
	Susan Neel				
	M. Anna Douglass				

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227	Fannie Waldrop				
228	Lillia Franklin				Expelled
229	Edgar O. Blake	Aug. 2, 1888	by Proffession	T.G. Galloway	May 11, 1889 Disposed by expulsion
230	Reubin W. Douglass	"	"	"	Expelled
231	Volney B. Douglass	"	"	"	
232	Coral M. Douglass	"	"	"	
233	Susie E. Miller	"	"	"	
234	Linnie M R Douglass	"	"	"	
235	Aureline M. M Carlock	"	"	"	Married Ed Blake
236	R. Boudy Honeycutt	App			Transfer to Gadeys Chapel
237	Henry Hill	Aug. 2, 1888	by Profession	T.G. Galloway	Was not received
238	A. Mattison Blankenship	"	"	"	Expeled
239	J. Matt Neel	App			
240	Rett Neel	Aug. 2, 1888	by Profession	T.G. Galloway	Was not received
241	Callie Neel	"	"	"	diede October 1889
242	Reubin Hill	"	Letter	"	
243	Bettie Douglass	Sep. 18, "	Prof	"	
244	John M. Blankinship	"	"	"	
245	Ella Neel	See No. 218			
246	Mrs. F.M. Tarlton	June 9, 1889	by vow	B.F. Scott	Withdrawn
247	Jim M. Jones	"	by vow	"	

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1	Lille Franklin				
2	Volney Douglass				
3	Carol M. Neal				Dead
4	Susie E. Miller				"
5	Fannie Blake				Dropped
6	Matt Blankinship				
7	Callie Neal				
8	Rubin Hill				Dead
9	Bettie Douglass				"
10	John W. Blankinship				
11	Ella Neal				
12	Jim M. Jarvis				
13	Susie Hill				
14	E.J. Montgomery				
15	Docie Jones				Dead
16	Mollie Glass				Rec letter May 1 - 93
17	M.W. Montgomery				
18	Nancy Mallias				
19	M.E. Honeycutt				Dead
20	M.A. Honeycutt				"
21	Susie Neal				
22	Nancy Neal				Dead
23	Anna Douglass				"
24	W.S. Terry		By letter	E.F. Wilson	"
25	Nancy Terry		"	"	
26	Maggie Terry		Transfer by letter	"	Dead

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1	Lillie Franklin				
	L.B. Blake				Dead
2	Volney Douglass				
3	Carl M. Neal				Dead
4	Susie E. Miller				"
5	Callie Neal				Gone
6	Rubin H. Hill				Dead
7	Bettie Douglass				"
8	Ella Neal				Dermott
9	Jas M Jones				Hamburg
10	Susie Hill	Died Dec 22-93			Dead
11	E.J. Montgomery				
12	Docia Jones				Dead
13	W.M. Montgomery				
14	M.E. Honeycutt				Dead
15	M.A. Honeycutt				"
16	Nancy Miller				"
17	Susie Neal				
18	Nancy Neal				Dead
19	Anna Douglas				"
20	W.S. Terry				"
21	Nancy B. Terry				"
22	J.M. Neal				"
23	Willie I. Morris				Fountain Hill
24	Addie Morris				
25	Fanny Hill				
26	Mamie Holland				Dead
27	Lany Denard	Maried Fannie Douglas			Dead
28	J.R. Neal				Lake Village
29	Henry R. Hill				Dead
30	R.S. Blankinship				Lake Providence

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1	Nancy Neal				Died Triumphantly Sept. 9, 1896
2	M.E. Hunicutt				
3	Susan Neal				
4	Reubin Hill				
5	W.S. Terry				Died Aug-1895
6	N.B. Terry				
7	Nancy Miller				
8	W.M. Montgomery				
9	J.M. Jones				
10	M.A. Hunnicutt				
11	Docia Jones				Died Aug. 24th 1895
12	Susie Miller				
13	Lillie Franklin				
14	L.B. Blake				Out
15	Volney Douglas				
16	Carl M. Neal				Died April 1900
17	Callie Neal				with drawn 1894
18	Bettie Douglas				
19	Ella Neal				
20	Anna Douglas				Died Aug. 24th 1894
21	J.M. Neal				
22	Willie I. Morris				With drawn 1894
23	Addie Morris				
24	Fany Hill				
25	Mamie Holland				Expelled
26	Fannie Douglas				
27	J.R. Neal				
28	Henry R. Hill				
29	R.S. Blankinship				Died 1894
30	W.A. Reid	July 94	by Ritual	R.J. Raiford	Withdrawn
31	R.J. Denard	"	"	"	

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32	Nellie E. Terry	July 94	by Ritual	R.J. Raiford	
33	M.B. Denard	"	"	"	
34	Felin Nome	"	"	"	Joined Baptist church
35	Alice Breazeale	"	"	"	Dismissed by letter Jan. 95
36	Reubin Douglas	"	"	"	
37	Wm. E. Riser	Jan. 95	by letter	J.B. Thomas	died 98
38	Mary A. Riser	Jan. 95	"		
39	Ollie M Douglass	July 28th 97	by Proffesion	R.G. Roland	
40	G.W. Crowder	June 12	by Proffesion	L.M. Powell	Not Present for 12 monts
41	Mattie Jones	Oct. 2	by Transfer	L.M. Powell	
42	I.D. Smith		" Transfer		
42	Ethel Honeycutt				
43	Glarncie Russel	Aug 1899	Transferred from Extra	L.M. Powell	
44	John M Blankenship	Sep 1888		T.G. Galloway	
45	W.O. Frankling				
46	Lety Frankling	June 6 1900	Transferd		
47	Hetty A. Holland	Oct. 1900	by Transfer	L.M. Powell	
48	Lonnie Holland	" "	"	"	
49	Carter Holland	" "	"	"	
50	R.B. Honeycutt	Sept. 25, 1900	" baptism & vows	"	
51	Marion J. Cooley	" " "	" " "	"	
52	Ina Honeycutt	" " "	by vows	"	
53	Ida Witt	Oct. 1900	" certificate	"	

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1	M.E. Honeycutt				
2	Susan Neal				
3	Reuben Hill				By letter Oct 21-1902
4	N.B. Terry				
5	Nancy Miller				Lost sight of 1902
6	W.M. Montgomery				
7	J.M. Jones				
8	M.A. Honeycutt				
9	Susie Miller				
10	Lilla Franklin				
11	Volney Douglas				Lost sight of Oct 1902
12	Carl M. Neal				
13	Bettie Douglas				Died April 1900
14	Ella Neal				
15	J.M. "				By letter Oct 1902
16	Addie Morris				By letter Oct 21-1902
17	Fannie Hill				
18	Fannie Douglas				Married Pryor Miller Jan 3, 1901
19	J.R. Neal				
20	R.S. Blankenship				By Oct letter 1902
21	R.J. Dennard	July '94	by Ritual	R.J. Raiford	
22	Nellie Terry	" "	"	"	Married December 23, 1900; Died Oct 1902
23	M.B. Dennard	" "	"	"	
24	Reuben Douglas	" "	"	"	Transfered to Hamburg
25	Wm. E. Riser	Jan. '95	by letter	J.B. Thomas	Died 1898
26	Mary A. "	" "	"	"	Lost sight of 1902
27	Ollie M. Douglas	July 28, '97	by profession	R.G. Rowland	Married Tom Williams 1900; Lost sight of 1902
28	Mattie Jones	Oct. 2, 1898	" transfer	L.M. Powell	
29	I.D. Smith	" "	" "	"	Lost sight of 1901
30	Ethel Honeycutt	" "	" profession	"	By letter 1902

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31	C.C. Jarvis	Oct. 1898	by certificate	L.M. Powell	Died April 1900
32	S.A. "	"	"	"	
33	Mary J. "	"	"	"	
34	Hosie "	"	"	"	
35	Glarncie Russel	Aug. 1899	by transfer	"	
36	Jno. M. Blankenship	Sept. 1888	"	T.G. Galloway	
37	W.O. Franklin	June 1900	by transfer	L.M. Powell	Lost sight of 1902
38	Kitty "	"	"	"	" " " "
39	Hetty A. Holland	Oct. 1900	"	"	
40	Lonnie Holland	"	"	"	
41	Carter "	"	"	"	
42	R.B. Honeycutt	Sept. 25, 1900	by baptism & vows	"	
43	Marion J. Cooley	"	"	"	
44	Ina Honeycutt	"	"	"	Transfered to Extra
45	Ida Witt	Oct. 1900	by certificate	"	By letter 1902
46	Susie E. Miller	"	by transfer	"	Lost sight of 1902
47	Eliza J. Talley	"	"	"	
48	Leota Honeycutt	Jan. 27th-1901	by vows	S.W. Rainey	Lost sight of 1902
49	Dora Goodwin	"	"	"	By letter 1902
50	Jno. N. Farrell	"	by letter	"	Married McDermott
51	Docia Farrell	"	"	"	By letter 1902
52	Robbie Neal	"	by vows & B	"	" " "
53	Mrs. Willie Neal	"	"	"	Died Oct. 1901
54	Emma J. Montgomery	"	"	"	
55					
56	Wm. E. Rury	Dec. 31, 1901	Transfered	"	
57	R.N. Rury	"	"	"	Transferred back to
58	Spencer Rury	"	"	"	Geddys Chapel
59	A.H. Morgan	"	"	"	
60	Ollie Morgan	"	"	"	

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61	Cordelia Grice	Jan 1 - 1902	By transfer	S.W. Rainey	Transfered back to Geddies Chapel

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1	Mary E. Honeycutt				
2	Reubin Hill				Died 1910
3	Nancy Millar				
4	W.M. Montgomery				dismissed by letter in 1904
5	Emma J. Montgomery				" " " "
6	James M. Jones				Letter d Aug 11th 1906
7	Mattie Jones				" " " "
8	M.W. Honeycutt				Deceased Sept. 1907
9	Susan Millar				Died Jan 1904
10	Volney Douglas				
11	Bettie Douglas Byrd				
12	Addie Morris				
13	Fannie Millar				
14	Fannie Douglas				
15	R.S. Blankenship				
16	R.J. Dennard				
17	M.B. Dennard				
18	Reubin Douglas				
19	S.A. Jarvis				Join the Baptist
20	Mary J. Jarvis				" " "
21	Hosea Jarvis				
22	Glarencie Russel				
23	Jno. M. Blankinship				
24	Hettie Holland Hill				
25	Carter Holland				
26	Lonnie Holland				
27	R. Bowdy Honeycutt				
28	Willie Neal Miller				
29	Sallie Cooty				
30	Sister Summerland				

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31	Arby Holland	Aug 16th 1906	Vows	W.C. Toombs	
32	Della Montgomery	"	"	"	
33	Sallie Hooper			W.A. Greer	
34	Lorna Jarvis			"	
35	Nora Perdue			"	
36	Lona Honeycutt			"	
37	Otis Ingram				
38	Sam Summerland				
39	Neela Douglass				
40	D.P. Townsand				
41	Ollie Williams				Transfered to Geddies Chapel
42	Bonnie Douglass				

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1	M.E. Honeycutt				Dead
2	Nancy Miller				Died April 4, 1911
3	M.W. Montgomery				Transfered to Hamburg 1/3/26
4	Emma Montgomery				" " "
5	V.B. Douglass				
6	Bettie Byrd				Died Jan 12-1911
7	Addie Morris				Fountain Hill
8	Fannie Miller				Rolph Junction
9	G.N. Douglass				
10	Fannie Douglass				Died Dec. 24, 1913
11	Bonnie "				Placed by error
12	Hettie Hill				Dead
13	Carter Holland				
14	Lonnie B. "				
15	Arby "Married Sam Honeycutt				
16	R.B. Honeycutt				
17	Mrs. Sumeland				Texas
18	Della Montgomery				
19	Orrie "Mrs. Byrd				
20	Sallie Honeycutt				DeWitt
21	Lorra Jarvis				Fairbanks
22	Ottis Ingram				
23	Sam Sumerland				Joined Baptist Ch. 1911
24	Ollie Williams				Given letter 8/2/1913
25	Clarie B. Miller				J.C.Mc.
26	Arby Holland				
27	Annie Franklin				Monticello
28	Mrs. W.C. Mann	Feb. 1911	By letter	C.A. Fuller	
29	Bessie Hoy	Mar. 1911	"	"	
30	L.W. Douglass	Sept. 1911	By Vows	"	Monroe
31	M.P. Ingram	" 1911	"	"	Monroe
		" 1911	"	"	Monroe
					Given letter Aug. 2nd 1913 J.C. Mc.

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32	Gus Johnson	Sept. 24, 1911	By Letter	C.A. Fuller	
33	W.C. Fleming	"	"	"	Given letter Nov. 1st, 1918 J.C. Mc
34	Mrs. Fleming	"	"	"	" " "
35	Mrs. S.E. Honeycutt	"	By Vows	"	
36	Mrs. Mamie McKenny	"	"	"	Dead
37	Lottie Montgomery	"	"	"	DeWitt
38	Dollie Jarvis	"	"	"	By letter 1916
39	Bonnie Douglass	"	"	"	
40	W.E. Rury	Oct. 24, 1911	By trans fer	"	
41	Mrs. Rury	"	"	"	
42	W.R. Holland	"	"	"	Dead
43	Mrs. E. Holland	"	"	"	
44	Lilla Franklin	"	"	"	
45	Mrs. H.E. Blankinship	Jan. 26, 1913	By Letter	J.C. McElhenney	Given letter May 8, 1913 J.C.Mc
46	Mrs. Ollie M. Morgan	April 24, 1913	By Transfer	"	
47	C.A. Englerth	Aug. 8 "	"	"	
48	Emma Englerth	" " "	"	"	
49	Earl Holland	" " "	"	"	

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1	Mrs. Killough	Aug. 31st 1914	By letter	Rev. J.H. Ross	Not known
2	Mrs. B.F. Lochala	"	"	"	
3	Mrs. Holland	"	"	"	
4	Ivy Pendergrast	"	"	"	
5	John Carter	"	By Baptism & vows	"	Joined the Prod.
6	Earl Miller	"	"	"	
7	Mrs. Effie Farmer	"	"	"	
8	Willie Holland, Jr.	"	"	"	Dead
9	Ulus "	"	"	"	
10	Mr. W.M. Poole	"	By transfer	"	Dead
11	Mrs. Samantha Poole	"	"	"	
12	Mattie Poole	"	"	"	
13	Harrison Honeycutt	Oct. 31st 1914	Vows	"	
14	J.D. Witt	Mar. 26, 1916	By letter	Rev. T.W. Applewhite	
15	Ida Witt	"	"	"	
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1	V.B. Douglas				
2	Fannie Miller				Bastrop
3	G.N. Douglas				Bonita, La.
4	Carter Holland				
5	Lonnie B. Holland				Transferred Oct. 1921
6	Arby Honeycutt				Transferred Oct. 1921
7	R.B. Honeycutt				Amarillo, Tex.
8	Orrie Byrd				Dead
9	Sallie Honeycutt				Joined Baptist
10	Ollie Williams				
11	Clara B. Miller Shields				Monticello
12	Annie Franklin				
13	Bessie Hoy				Certificate
14	L.W. Douglas				Lives at Monroe
15	Gus Johnson				
16	Mrs. S.E. Honeycutt				
17	Lottie Montgomery Smith				Cert. 8/20/27
18	Bonnie Douglas Josey				Lives at DeWitt
19	W.A. Rury				
20	Mrs. E. Holland				Transferred Oct. 1921
21	Mrs. Rury				
22	Lilla Franklin				Transferred " "
23	Ollie M. Morgan Field				
24	C.A. Englerth				Transferred Oct. 1921
25	Emma Englerth				
26	Earl Holland				
27	Mrs. Killough				Transferred Oct. 1921
28	Mrs. B.F. Lochala				Dead
29	Mrs. Holland				
30	Iva Pendergast Ross				Dead
31	Earl Miller				Lives Waldo

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32	Miller Holland				Transferred Oct. 1921
33	Ulus Holland				" " "
34	Mrs. Samantha Poole				Crossett
35	Mollie Poole				"
36	Harrison Honeycutt				Cert. 8/20/27
37	J.D. Witte				Transferred Oct. 1921
38	Ida Witte				" " "
39	Clarence Summerland				Joined Presbyterian
40	W.C. Flemming				Transferred to Crossett
41	Mrs. W.C. Flemming				" " "
42	Hattie Flemming				" " "
43	Belle Flemming				" " "
44	Carmon Douglas Weatherly				Bastrop, La.
45	Ruby Douglas				"
46	Mattie Ingram	Aug. 1921	By Cer-	A.B. Holland	
47	Mrs. Mattie Ingram	"	"	"	
48	J.W. Melton			"	
49	Mr. J.W. Melton			"	Transfered to Hamburg
				"	" "

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1	Mrs. M.P. Ingram	Sept. 1930	Vows		
2	Mrs. A.J. Shields			W.R. Jordan	
3	M.P. Ingram				
4	G.L. Fleming				
5	Augustus Johnson				
6	George Douglass				
7	Mrs. M.D. Jocie				1933
8	Ocie Waldrip				
9	Dorthy Waldrip		Baptism		
10	Mrs. M.G. Perdue				
11	Mrs. T.P. Miller		Vows		
12	M.G. Perdue				
13	C.B. Miller				
14	Eva Miller		Baptism		
15	Missouri Wyatt		Vows		
16	Orene Perdue		Profession		
17	Mrs. Ben Farrar	Sept. 1931	Letter		
18	Jackson Shields		Baptism		
19	Ruby Shields				
20	R.E. Ingram				
21	Neely Douglas		Vows		
22	Mrs. Boyt Goodwin				
23	Boyt Goodwin		Baptism		
24	Mrs. Elmer Sulivan		Letter		
25	Mrs. G.L. Flemming		Baptism		
			Letter		

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CHERISHED gathering place

By JANICE CLARK
Correspondent

Annual family gatherings at small rural churches of their earlier years recall to many fond memories of all-day singing events and dinner on the grounds. Near the Louisiana line in Arkansas is such a meeting place which has been in use 123 years. Many from Northeast Louisiana have attended gatherings there.

Of all the old customs which cling to the rural sections of the South, one of the most cherished is the annual gathering of families at the little churches of their fathers for "all-day singin' and eatin' on the ground."

Sleek cars fringe the edge of dusty roads and park every-which-a-way in the old church yard where wagons and buggies once hitched up. Women's dresses today are up to the knee, where once they fell in voluminous folds to cover the ankle with proper modesty. But the tables spread with white cloths under the old trees and laden with fragrant food, the singing echoing through the surrounding woods, and the embracing of long-absent kin all are the same — an unbroken link with early America.

REUNION

One such reunion of old families will take place on Sunday, May 26, on grounds that have been continuously occupied for 122 years by the Antioch Methodist Church, five miles south of Hamburg, Ark., just north of the Louisiana line.

The first building went up in 1840 as a meeting place for the pioneers of the area, four years after Arkansas became a state. There was no sawmill at that time, so the men built their church as they did their homes, of pine logs from the surrounding forest. The logs were cut, mortised and hoisted in place for the walls, and the roof was made of hand-drawn boards.

Mud filled in the spaces between the hewn logs, and the floor was of packed earth. Two windows, each two feet square, were cut in the thick walls, and there were two doors.

This one-roomed wilderness church was then named for the ancient Biblical city of Antioch, where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians — possibly because it was the first public meeting place for Christians in that section of the new state, later to become Ashley County.

DISTANT TRAVELERS

Some members of the congregation lived so far from the church that their trip was broken with an overnight stay at the homes of friends who lived closer to the little log building. On Sunday mornings all who were to attend church set out early, carrying their lunches for the all-day meetings. It was customary to have two sermons, one at 11 in the morning, and the second at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in order that the people could return to their homes before dark. There was great danger from wild animals and highwaymen, and the men carried their guns for protection.

As the area drew new farmers and fur trappers from the eroded fields of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, the tiny log church became inadequate for the growing congregation. A rip-saw mill or so had appeared in the county, and people decided to build a "modern" church of boards.

In 1868 a boxed building with a plank floor, two doors and six glass windows made room for everyone. In front of the new church stood two giant oaks, while a silver maple and a magnolia tree grew at one side. A native catalpa stood in back, where its seedling descendants fill the spring air with fragrance today. The men cut a huge stepping block from a single virgin tree, and placed it where the ladies could mount their horses and alight with dignity from buggies and wagons. The old split log benches were replaced with pews made of hand-planed pine boards held together with square nails.

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MR. AND MRS. Spencer Jarvis rest on a century - old church pew which is under the trees where an all-day singing program will be held.

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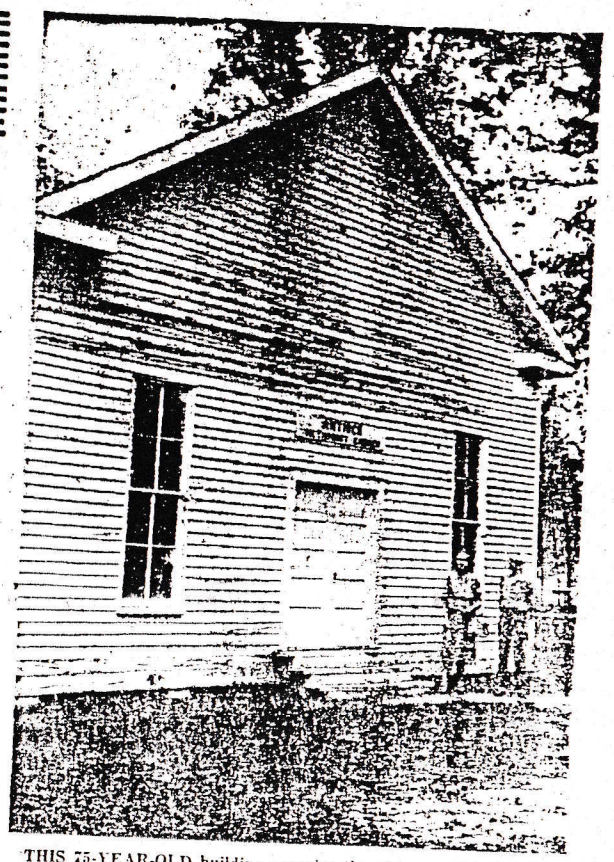

THIS 75-YEAR-OLD building occupies the site on which the first Antioch church was built of logs in 1840. (Photos by Janice Clark)

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pine benches through countless long sermons, met and pledged money to repair the church and care for the cemetery. It was that year that the Antioch Cemetery Association was formed. This group sparkplugs the semi-annual "all day singin'," at which times the hat is passed for maintenance of this oldest church in Ashley County, and the cemetery in which many members of the old families continue to be brought to rest.

ARRIVE EARLY

Sunday, the 26th of May, cars will begin to arrive early. Children will spill out first to play in the church yard, while their mothers bring covered dishes, cakes, pies and great platters of fried chicken, deviled eggs, pickles, jams and breads — to spread on board tables under the trees where picnic lunches have been shared for more than a century. The singing will begin with a little knot of men humming — then the leader will set them off on the old Gospel hymns that have been sung since the oldest of them was a boy in knee breeches.

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Many of the families who gathered through the years to sing and worship and break bread together under the shade of the great oaks are recorded on the marble stones in th little burial ground—the Goodwins, Neels, Franklins, Whites, Waldrups, Hills, Walkers, Byrds, Millers, Johnsons, Purdues, Jarvises, Honeycutts, the Morris family, Boyths, Bennets, Chandlers, Slater, Alexander, Payne, Ramsey, Weaver, Glass, Douglass, and Montgomery families have all been members of the Antioch Church.

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In 1940 Mrs. Otis (Honeycutt) Ingrum and Mrs. Clara Belle (Miller) Shields announced a Homecoming for the first Sunday in September. Descendants of the Antioch Church families — grown men and women who had gone to school there (it served a period as a one-roomed school) and grown up with the memory of dozing on those hard

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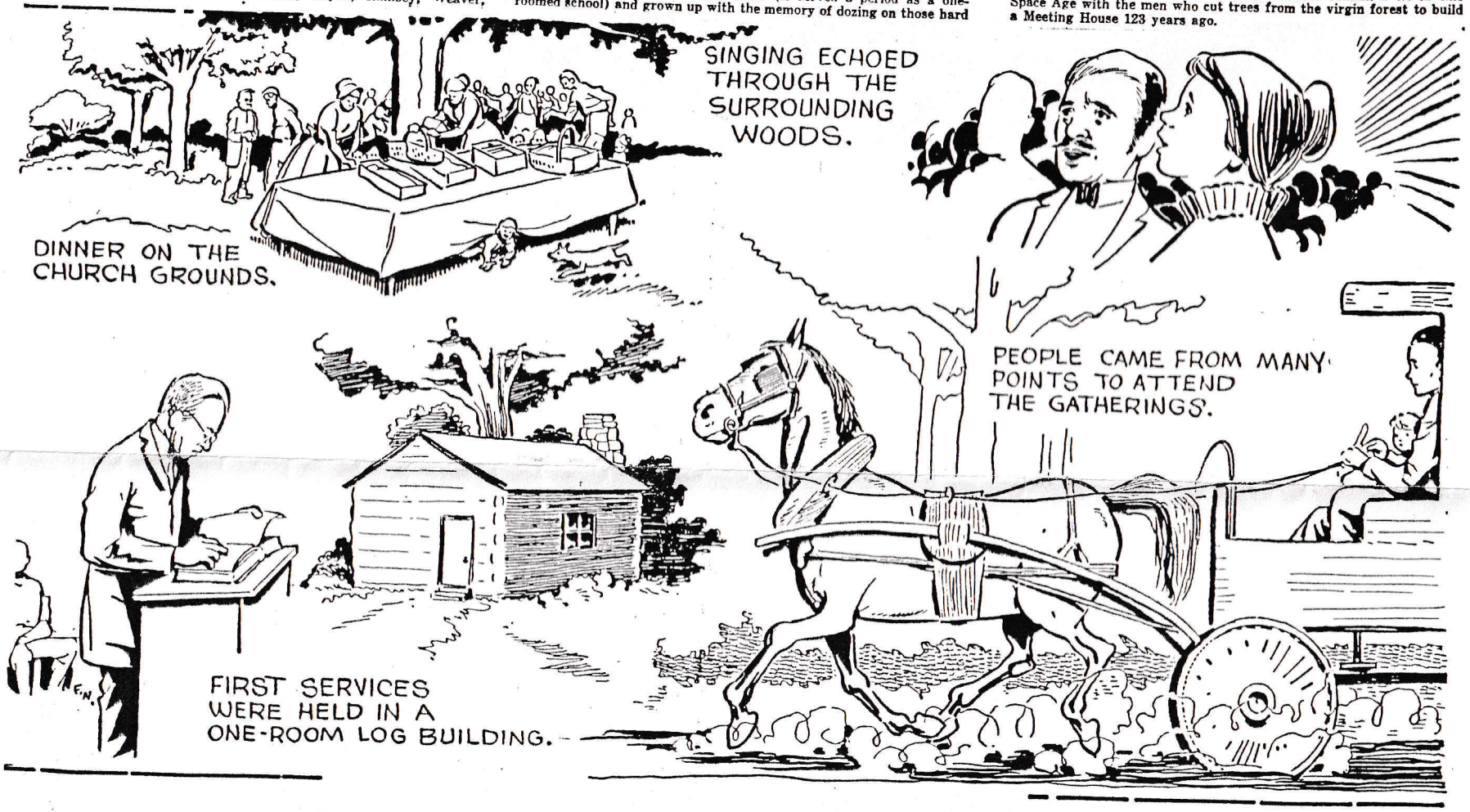
As old as our South, and as new as the youngest baby who will spend the day cradled on one of the old pews brought under the trees, the homecomings at Antioch Methodist Church remain a tie in this Space Age with the men who cut trees from the virgin forest to build a Meeting House 123 years ago.


DINNER ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS.
SINGING ECHOED THROUGH THE SURROUNDING WOODS.
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